

Affordable Housing Committee  
April 25, 2005

Meeting called to order by Betty Rooney at 7:10 p.m.  
Present were: Roger Russell, Donna Durbridge, Betty Rooney,  
Alison Hale, Dorothy Bergfels, Sue Gregory, Elizabeth Whaley,  
and Vicki Doyle

Short discussion about having a mission statement and which direction this committee should be going in with regard to seniors and working people. Right now it is to include everyone.

Mrs. Rooney spoke about having Kevin O'Neill at our next meeting. He represents Housing Resources of Columbia County Inc, the group that is working with Millerton to bring affordable housing to their community. Mr. O'Neill will be speaking at the Legion Hall in Millerton on April 26, 2005. (Some members will attend this meeting.)

Round-table discussion on what is "affordable" housing. Affordable and lower-income housing is necessary but whether it's possible remains to be seen.

Alison Hale and Antoinette Critelli met with Dave Sherman, Town of Northeast Supervisor on April 19, 2005. The information from their meeting is attached.

Vicki Doyle discussed the possibilities of grants and loans that are available to communities.

It was noted that the Northeast Housing Committee did a survey in 2002 to determine housing needs within the community. Discussion followed on the possibility of Amenia doing a survey. The Rec Commission and CPIC are also considering a survey. We should work on suggestions for a community survey.

Elizabeth Whaley has collected articles from the last several years on affordable housing (and lack of).

Everyone agreed that having a sewer system would be a great help to the housing situation as there are several rental units within the town that cannot be used because of septic problems.

The next meeting will be on May 9, 2005, at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.